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We here at TOKYOPOP are extremely excited to present *The Tarot Café*, a fab new series from Sang-Sun Park, creator of the beautiful and amazingly detailed *Les Bijoux*. Meet Pamela... proprietress of the Tarot Café, whose readings offer guidance and wisdom to supernatural beings living in the human realm. She counsels an eclectic group of characters, including an adorable fairy, a love-stricken cat, and an emotionally distraught vampire. But while Pamela is most comfortable dealing with the problems of others, she is ultimately forced to face a deep dark secret of her own.

Without further ado, I invite you to enter *The Tarot Café*, a place where mystery and intrigue awaits you around every turn.

Julie Taylor
Senior Editor



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From the Author

In a way I had no choice but to become a cartoonist. Ever since I was a little girl, I felt a strong desire to draw. Drawing made me feel like I was flying high in the air. Even now, I find myself completely immersed in the world I am creating on these pages, and I try my hardest to create better, more entertaining storylines and images. As soon as a cartoonist says to himself, "This is good enough," she falls into the depths of hell. For this reason, I am on guard at all times, goading myself to do better. It is not up to me but to the reader to decide whether my work is good or bad. My job is to do my best. One thing I am sure of is that I am happy when I'm imagining a story or bringing it to life on paper. I sincerely hope that the readers can share in my happiness. Now, I invite you to enter the slightly unusual world I've created...



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IT'S NOT DIFFICULT
TO GUESS WHAT
HAPPENED TO MY
CLIENTS IN THE
PAST. THEIR FACIAL
EXPRESSIONS AND
BEHAVIOR GIVE ME
VALUABLE CLUES
THAT HELP ME TO
FIGURE OUT WHAT
HAPPENED TO THEM
IN THEIR LIVES.

THE FUTURE, HOWEVER,
DOES NOT MAKE
ITSELF VISIBLE TO
ANYONE.
THERE ARE SIMPLY TOO
MANY POSSIBILITIES.

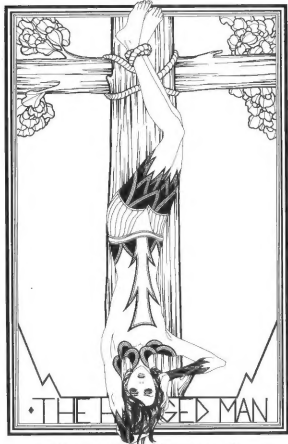
I AM ONE OF THOSE
RARE PEOPLE WHO
CAN GLIMPSE INTO THE
FUTURE AT THAT EXACT
MOMENT WHEN TIME
AND SPACE INTERSECT.



IT IS BOTH A GIFT AND
A CURSE FROM GOD.



XII



*The Hanged Man: This card may hint at spiritual sacrifices, unenvied situations, or self-sacrifices. To uphold justice or to fulfill one's potential, one must have respect for the social structure.



SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED.

I HEARD THAT
YOU ACCEPT
SPECIAL
CUSTOMERS
AFTER
MIDNIGHT.

WHAT
HAVE YOU
BROUGHT
ME?

FROM TIME TO TIME,
UNUSUAL CUSTOMERS
STOP BY SOME OF
THEM ARE HUMAN
WITH SUPERHUMAN
CHARACTERISTICS.
OTHERS ARE
SUPERNATURAL
BEINGS WHO LIVE
AMONG HUMAN
BEINGS.

*Queen of Swords: This card represents a female,
full of wisdom, who symbolizes independence, love,
distress and separation.



YOU LOOK VERY TIRED.





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HELLO,
KITTY,
ARE YOU
HURT?



DON'T
TOUCH
ME!

ア
ア



FILTHY
CAT!



PUT
THAT
AWAY!
HE'S
JUST
SCARED.



DON'T BE SCARED,
KITTY. I'M JUST
TRYING TO HELP
YOU.



I THINK YOU'D
BETTER TAKE A
BATH FIRST.



LET ME
GO!
LET ME
GO!



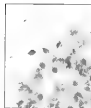
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING TO ME?!



DON'T WHINE SO MUCH, A LITTLE GUY LIKE YOU NEEDS TO BE SQUEAKY CLEAN



YOU GUYS BECAME A BIG PART OF EACH OTHER'S LIFE.



WHAT'S WRONG? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? YOUR FACE LOOKS SO SAD



I... I'M LIKE A HOTHOUSE FLOWER



I'VE NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS BECAUSE MY DAD'S A MARIA BOSS. I CAN'T EVEN RUN AROUND FREELY. I'M A CRIPPLE





I WANT TO GO SHOPPING LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS. I WANT TO RIDE A BIKE! I WANT TO RUN AROUND LIKE A PONY.

IF MY LEGS ACTUALLY WORKED, I'D BE THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD.



SHE BECAME
A HUMAN.
TIME PASSES
VERY QUICKLY
IN THE HUMAN
WORLD.

SINCE MY LEGS
HAVE BEEN
CURED, I CAN
MAKE NEW
FRIENDS! I CAN
GO SHOPPING!

TODAY IS LOLA'S
18TH BIRTHDAY!

DO YOU WANT TO
COME ALONG?

LOLA!
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

MY
LEGS
ARE
CURED!

MY LEGS...

MY LEGS!

THEY'RE
CURED!



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
LOLA

THANKS, ALICIA



HEY,
YOU'RE THE
DAUGHTER
OF THAT
MAMA BOSS!
IT'S NICE TO
MEET YOU.



OH... IT'S
NICE TO
MEET YOU,
TOO



THIS IS MY
BOYFRIEND



I...I WISH
I HAD A
BOYFRIEND,
TOO!



BUT NO
GUY WILL
DATE ME
BECAUSE
OF WHO MY
FATHER IS.

ALL I WANT
IS TO GO ON
A DATE TO AN
AMUSEMENT
PARK WITH
A HOT GUY
IS THAT SO
MUCH TO
ASK?

YOU LOVED HER,
BUT SHE ONLY
SAW YOU AS A
BLACK CAT.

HUMANS AREN'T
ABLE TO SEE
YOU AS ANYTHING
BUT A CAT.

OF COURSE,
THAT WILL
NEVER
HAPPEN.



ARE YOU MISS ALICIA?



Please come to the rail car station
at the amusement park. Saturday,
2 P.M.

Your wish is about to come true





ALCA?



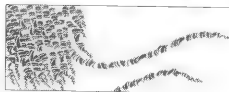


"His is a cup. The young boy and girl, surrounded by the simple things in life and
reminiscent of their own, as well as the sense of redemption that can be felt
through experiencing these things."

ILLUSTRATION FROM THE NOVEL "COPPE"

COPPE





I WISH WE
COULD
STAY
LIKE THIS
FOREVER.



BUT THIS
IS ONLY
A DREAM.
SOON I'LL
WAKE UP
AND IT WILL
ALL BE
OVER.

YOU WERE FOOLISH
YOU WASTED A LOT
OF ENERGY ON THAT



WISH FULFILLING
CATS ONLY HAVE
THREE LIVES,
RIGHT?

SO, EACH TIME YOU
GRANT A WISH, YOU
LOSE ONE OF YOUR
LIVES.



I JUST
WANTED TO
SEE HER
SMILE



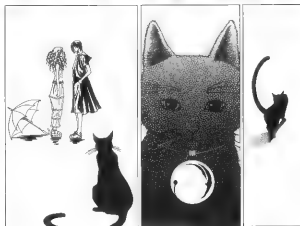
WHATEVER.
IT'S YOUR
BUSINESS.

*Five of Swords. This card represents
chaos, disgrace and loss



OH, NO!
A REAL
PRINCE
APPEARED
BEFORE
HER EYES!

SOMETIMES UNLIKELY
THINGS DO HAPPEN.





NO! HE'S
TOLEON'S
SON! AN
ENEMY OF
OURS!



FROM THE
MOMENT I
FIRST SAW
HIM, HE HAS
BECOME MY
EVERYTHING.

WE'RE ELOPING
TOMORROW
NIGHT.

I DON'T CARE IF
HE'S SUPPOSED
TO BE MY
ENEMY.



WHERE ARE
YOU OFF TO,
BUTTERFLY?



ONE
MORE
WISH...

SO
CAFE
TAROT

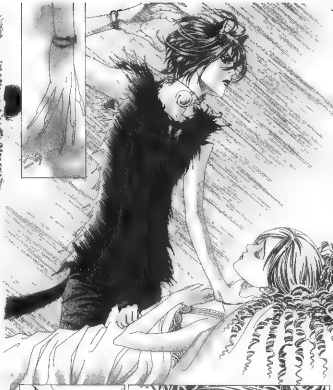
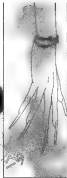
...YOU WANT TO
KNOW IF ALICIA
AND
HER PRINCE WILL
LIVE HAPPILY EVER
AFTER.



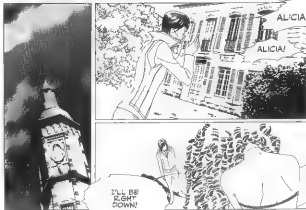
HERE IS WHAT
YOU WANT
TO KNOW.

AND
ONLY ONE
MORE
LIFE LEFT.



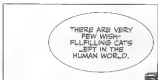


YOU CAN SECURE ANOTHER
LIFE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU
TAKE THE ACTION OF THE
PERSON YOU DESERVE A
HOME TO YOURSELF TO ALL
THE PERSONS TO DO THIS
THROUGH.









THERE USED TO BE A LOT OF THEM AROUND BUT HUMANS ARE SO GREEDY, THE CATS COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH THEIR DEMANDS THAT'S WHY THEY'RE PRACTICALLY EXTINCT NOW.

SO THAT'S THE CHOICE HE MADE...

THERE ARE VERY FEW WISH-FULFILLING CATS LEFT IN THE HUMAN WORLD.

BUTTERFLY WAS PROBABLY THE LAST OF HIS KIND.



WHY ARE YOU
HERE, BELLIS?



I MISSED
YOU. CAN
I HAVE
SOME HOT
CHOCOLATE
TOO?



HELP
YOURSELF.



DIDN'T BUTTERFLY
REALIZE THAT HUMANS
DON'T REMEMBER THE
ONES WHO GRANT THEM
THEIR WISHES?



PROBABLY.



THEN WHY DID
HE MAKE THAT
CHOICE?



THAT'S
JUST
HOW
LOVE IS.



OF COURSE,
THAT'S
SOMETHING
YOU'LL NEVER
UNDERSTAND,
BELLIS.



WHAT WAS THE
LAST CARD?





I'LL TAKE THAT
ONE, PLEASE.



IT'S REALLY
FOGGY TODAY,
HUH?

YEAH, LOOKS LIKE
IT'D BE EASY TO
CATCH A COLD, SO
BE CAREFUL.



HMMM...
WHO'S
THIS GUY?

THAT'S
CALIC
CEPESU.



ARE YOU
PAMELA?



YES, AND
YOU ARE...?



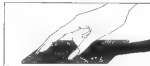
CALIC
CEPESU
?!



*Scene of trouble. This card represents secret plans, hidden
desires, frustration and the possibility of failure.



I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING ON
DOING, BUT YOU MUST THINK
CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING
ANY DECISION. THERE'S
A CHANCE YOU WILL BE
BETRAYED OR DECEIVED.



SHEDDING TEARS FOR
LOVE IS AS PAINFUL AS
BEING STABBED IN THE
HEART

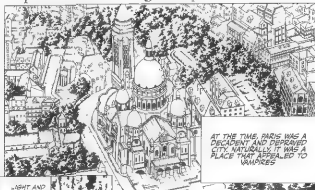
*There is trouble. This card represents betrayal, abandonment,
envious, separation and a threat to life.



I DON'T REMEMBER
VERY MUCH. IT'S
BEEN A LONG TIME
SINCE I BECAME A
VAMPIRE.

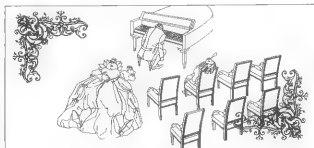
MY MEMORY SEEMS
TO BEGIN ON THE
DAY I MET HER.

Episode 2: Everlasting Beauty



LIGHT AND DARKNESS







LA LA LA.

THESE ARE RULES
THAT EVERY
VAMPIRE MUST
OBEY.



ONE NEVER
DRINK
A DEAD
PERSON'S
BLOOD.



THOU NEVER
FORN THYSELF
TO DEVELOP
FEELINGS
FOR A
HUMAN
BEING.



AS SOON AS I
LAID MY EYES
ON HER, ALL MY
REASON AND SANITY
DISAPPEARED. ONLY
MY FEELINGS FOR
HER REMAINED.

By the time I reached the entrance to a
waiting room, to give me hope in the end of
the storm and towards during times as before.



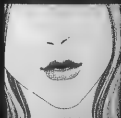
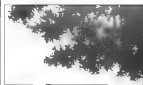
SHE TAUGHT YOU
ABOUT HOPE AND
THE HUMANITY YOU
THOUGHT YOU'D LOST
FOREVER.



ISABEL ..



SHE LOOKED LIKE
A BEAUTIFUL DOLL..





You at last, this just someone lying around to succeed or not to expect that some one's actions matter. It explains that one needs to fight his fate



YOU WERE
TORN BETWEEN
YOUR LOVE FOR
HER AND YOUR
TRUE NATURE.

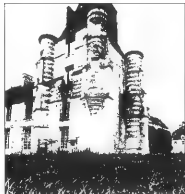


IT WAS HARD
FOR ME TO KILL
ANYONE AFTER I
MET HER.



BUT I COULDN'T
TOTALLY FREE
MYSELF FROM MY
OWN NATURE.







King of Swords



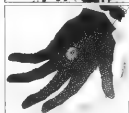
"Judgment" This card represents having a day of reckoning and is often used to show "after" knowing what you must do, also stands for an even number.



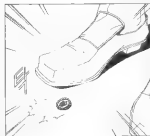
KILLING THAT
GIRL GREATLY
AFFECTED YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH ISABEL.
DIDN'T IT?



YES
I MADE
A HUGE
MISTAKE.
SHE WAS
ISABEL'S
SISTER.









ISABEL...
I'M SO
SORRY, I...

PLEASE!
TELL ME
IT'S NOT
TRUE!



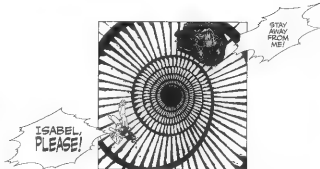
I DIDN'T
KNOW SHE
WAS YOUR
SISTER.



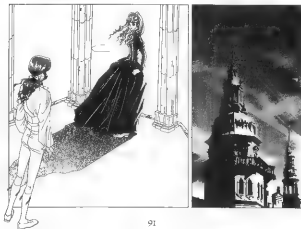
I, I HAVE
ALWAYS
SUSPECTED THAT
YOU WEREN'T
HUMAN.

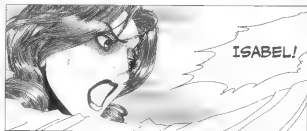


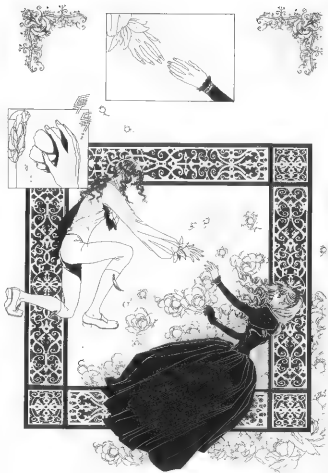
...BUT I
LOVED YOU
ANYWAY

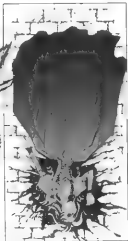


ISABEL,
I BEG OF
YOU!
PLEASE
WAIT!









ISABEL!!
NOOO!!

THE LAST
THING I SAW
BEFORE
LOSING MY
SIGHT WAS
HER... LYING
ON THE
GROUND.



Five cups
This card
represents
the five cups
of the five
senses, which
are the
five cups

YOU CAN'T
TURN BACK
TIME, NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH YOU
REGRET WHAT
HAPPENED



OUR
RELATIONSHIP
ENDED IN HER
DEATH.

I WAS
PERMANENTLY
BLINDED WHEN THE
SUNLIGHT HIT MY
EYES



I KNOW IT'S
STRANGE, BUT I
FELT AS THOUGH
SHE STILL EXISTED
SOMEWHERE IN THE
WORLD



I BECAME A
MODEL SO THAT I
COULD TRAVEL THE
GLOBE LOOKING
FOR HER.

BEING BLIND
DOESN'T STOP
ME, EITHER.

VAMPIRES POSSESS
AN EXTRAORDINARY
SENSE OF SMELL--
HEARING AND TOUCH--
THOUSANDS OF TIMES
MORE ACUTE THAN A
HUMAN'S



MOST PEOPLE
DON'T EVEN
REALIZE I'M
BLIND.



IT WAS EASY
TO FIND PREY.



I DON'T HAVE
TO HUNT—I JUST
WAITED LIKE A
SPIDER ON ITS
WEB.



PLEASE! LET
ME GO!

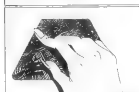


DON'T BE
AFRAID. YOU
WON'T FEEL
ANY PAIN.





*Tear at Cape: This sad expression being now absorbed and weaved
at others feelings it even also made into tears or things*



WHAT'S THIS? A MEETING WITH SOMEONE FROM THE PAST? IT CAN'T BE



VAMPIRES LOVE RED ROSES

PERHAPS THE COLOR RED REMINDS US OF BLOOD?



I BUY ROSES FROM TIME TO TIME YOU DON'T SEE THEM OFTEN ON CITY STREETS.



DO YOU LIKE ROSES?



SOULS
CLASHING...

IT WAS HER.

HER VOICE,
HER SMELL,
THE WAY SHE
SPOKE. THEY
WERE ALL
DIFFERENT,
BUT I WAS
SURE IT WAS
ISABEL.



The Moon

SO I
FOLLOWED
YOU HERE.



YOU WERE IN MY
DREAMS EVERY
NIGHT.



YOUR WISH
CAME TRUE,
THEN!



LET'S SEE
WHAT THE
CARDS
HAVE TO
SAY.

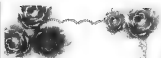


A CONFLICT
BETWEEN
LOVE AND
W FELL...

me at last. This was
exactly what I needed to
see. I was not alone after
all. I was not alone after
all. I was not alone after
all.

ONE DAY
SHE SAID
SOMETHING
THAT
SURPRISED
ME.





WHY THE SAD FACE?



I WANT TO
BE A VAMPIRE
LIKE YOU

I WANT TO
FORGET THE
PAST AND LIVE
FOREVER BY
YOUR SIDE.



THERE'S NO WAY!
I REFUSE TO LET
YOU SUPER AS I
HAVE!



WHEN SHE SAID SHE
WANTED TO BECOME A
VAMPIRE, I FELT WORSE
PAIN THAN I'VE FELT IN
THREE HUNDRED YEARS.



YOU'VE
EXPERIENCED
PAIN LIKE
THAT BEFORE,
RIGHT?



SHALL
WE LOOK
AT THE
NEXT CARD?



*What an fortune. The card represents an unexpected turn in life or the beginning of good luck. It may also signify bad fortune or an obstacle. We'll do more.

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

NO...NOTHING. I CAN'T READ THIS CARD CORRECTLY UNTIL I TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEXT ONE. HERE GOES...

THANK YOU!

GOODBYE, PAMELA.

WAIT A MINUTE-- WHAT ABOUT MY FEE?

WELL....?

IT'S THE TWO OF CUPS, GEE? IT SIGNIFIES PASSION AND LOVE A-READY IN PROGRESS

YOU GUYS WILL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

Two of Cups: This card illustrates passion and love already in progress, making a new, and acknowledging an attraction





I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU.

ISABELL?

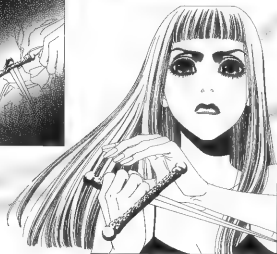


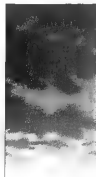
I MADE IT
ESPECIALLY
FOR YOU.

HOW DID
YOU GET
IT?

IT
WASN'T
EASY,
HISSE.
LET'S
TOAST!

TO US AND TO
OUR LOVE--
BOTH OF WHICH
HAVE STOOD THE
TEST OF TIME





I WANT TO
KNOW WHY...

..YOU HATE ME
SO MUCH THAT
YOU WOULD
WANT TO KILL
ME.

SO, YOU KNEW,
THEN? THAT
THE BLOOD
I GAVE YOU
TO DRINK WAS
FROM A DEAD
PERSON?

I LEARNED THAT A
CRED TO KILL A
VAMPIRE, I'D HAVE
TO STAB HIM IN THE
HEART RIGHT AFTER
HE DRANK THE BLOOD
OF SOMEONE WHO HAD
DIED

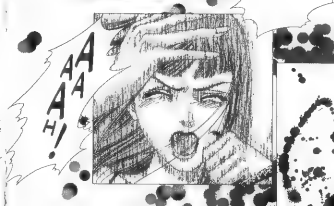
REMEMBER
THE GIRL
YOU KILLED
AT A FASHION
SHOW, FOUR
MONTHS
AGO?

WE'LL...

..MAYBE YOU DON'T
REMEMBER HER,
YOU'VE KILLED
SO MANY PEOPLE,
AFTER ALL.

SHE
WAS MY
SISTER,
CALIC!







IT'S TIME FOR US TO PART NOW, ISABELL.



GOODBYE,
MY LITTLE
ANGEL...

I REMEMBER
EVERY
SECOND
WE SPENT
TOGETHER. I
REMEMBER IT
LIKE IT WAS
YESTERDAY.

I ALSO
REMEMBER
HOW MUCH
I LOVED
YOU...

I TOLD
ANOTHER
LIE...

I DID
REMEMBER...
I DID.

WHY DID YOU LIE
TO HIM, PAMELA?

For a second, this and represents
these Angles and on.



THIS WAS REALLY
THE OTHER CARD,
WASN'T IT?



HE KNEW WHAT
WAS GOING TO
HAPPEN TO HIM.
I DON'T THINK IT
WAS NECESSARY
TO KISS IT IN HIS
FACE



I SEE, SO
YOU'RE
SAVING THAT
IT WAS A
WHITE L.E.
WHY DO
YOU THINK
HE CHOSE
DEATH?



FATE IS SIMPLY
A WHEEL IN
MOTION.

EVEN THOUGH
CALC AND ISABEL
WERE DEEPLY
IN LOVE, THEY WERE
CAUGHT IN A CYCLE
OF BAD KARMA, AS
CLOSE TO PUT AN END
TO THAT KARMA

FOR HER SAKE...



The Fool

Episode 3:
The Fairy

* The Fool This card represents the beginning of a journey or heading into the unknown. It can also signify living spontaneously and taking crazy chances.

GOT ANY
CIGARETTES?



YOU SCOOT
YOUR BUTT ON
OUT OF HERE!

YOU LITTLE
BRAT! WHAT
THINK YOU CAN
USE THAT TONE
OF VOICE WITH
A GROWN-UP?

"LITTLE BRAT"?
WHO SAYS
I'M LITTLE?
I HAPPEN TO
BE OVER FIVE
HUNDRED YEARS
OLD!



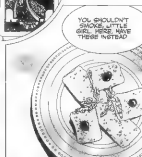
They're fun-loving
creatures who enjoy to
dance. They're very
generous to those
who show kindness
but viciously opposed
towards those who
treat them as if no
regard.

Fairies are very
similar to humans
in appearance
and personality



They lack
honesty and
patience, and
have been known
to kidnap people
from time to time.







SO, YOU'RE
TELLING ME
THAT YOU'RE
MY GUARDIAN
ANGE...
RIGHT?

CLOSE, BUT
NOT QUITE.
I'M ACTUALLY
A FAIRY.



THEN YOU CAN
MAKE MY WISH
COME TRUE? YOU
CAN HELP ME TO
MARRY A CUTE,
RICH, AND SUPER-
SMART GUY?



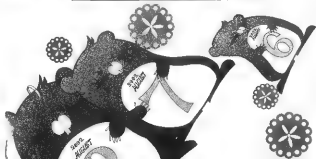
YEAH, RIGHT.
HOW WOULD
A GUY LIKE
THAT
WANA
MARRY YOU?



TO GET RID OF THE
CURSE, YOU MUST
WANT TO HELP HER
WITH ALL OF YOUR
HEART.



WILL SHE
WANT ALL OF
MY HEART?







I
COULDN'T!



WHY DON'T
YOU ASK HIM
OUT?



BUT YOU
SAID IT
WAS YOUR
DREAM TO
END UP WITH
SOMEONE
JUST LIKE
HIM. DIDN'T
YOU?

YOU SHOULD
OF LISTENED
AND IT'S
TOO LATE
NOW. I'LL
HELP YOU.



YOU THINK
THIS
WORKS?

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT I
HAVE LOADS OF
EXPERIENCE

CHANGE...
CHANGE...

...INTO A
BEAUTIFUL
GIRL!

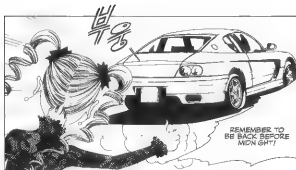


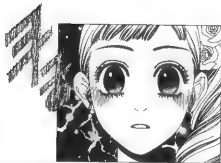
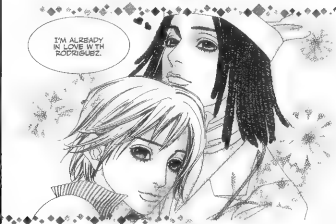
OH MY GOSH,
I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!

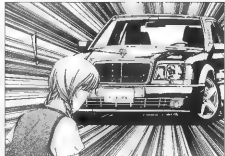
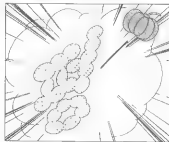
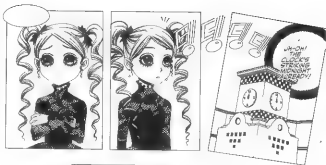
THANK
YOU!
THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

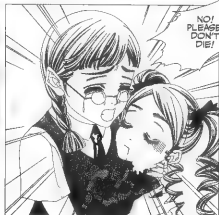
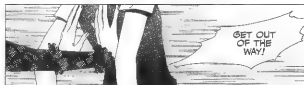
I'M SORRY THAT I
DON'T BELIEVE YOU,
TO TELL YOU THE
TRUTH, I THOUGHT
YOU WERE A
MENTAL CASE!

I DON'T WANT TO DROP YOU
DOWN AT THE POLICE STATION
WITH ALL THE THINGS AND I
WAS JUST GOING TO TAKE
CARE OF YOU WITH YOUR
MOTHER CARE AND
DOY YOU













THE CURSE
HAS BEEN
LIFTED! I'M
FINALLY
GOING HOME
TO MARRY MY
PRINCE!

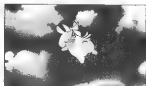


I DON'T KNOW
WHY I SACRIFICED
MYSELF TO SAVE
ELLIE. MY BODY
JUST KIND OF
MOVED BY ITSELF

AFTERWARDS,
ELLIE GAVE UP
ON MARRYING
A KNIGHT IN
SHINING ARMOR,
AND DEVOTED
HERSELF TO
RUNNING HER
OWN BUSINESS.



ALL GOOD-
LOOKING,
SMART GUYS
WHO MAKE
TONS OF
MONEY MUST
BE GAY!



WHETHER I LIKE TO
ADMIT IT OR NOT, I
GUESS I DID CARE
FOR ELLIE.





HMM... I DON'T
KNOW IF HAPPINESS
IS ALL THAT'S
WAITING FOR HER
AT HOME, THOUGH.

SHE DIDN'T
EVEN TRY
ME! THAT
INGRATEFUL
BASTARD!

I WAITED 345
YEARS AND TWO
MONTHS FOR
YOU! YOU'VE
DEFINITELY
BEEN WORTH
THE WAIT!



*The round flower represents
accomplishment, giving of oneself and
lasting commitment. It also represents the
longevity of the whole world.



LET'S HURRY
AND GET
MARRIED!

Episode 3: The End

THE END OF THE WORLD

QUEEN OF CHALICES
REINE DE COUPES

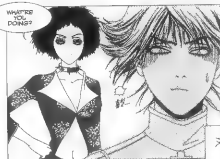
KONIGIN DER KELCHE
REINA DE COPAS



Episode 4:
A Heartless Princess, an Alchemist and a Jester

Regina di Coppe: Also known as the Queen of Chalices, this card represents the perfect heart - one so perfect understanding and wisdom as well as love and preparation for the future.

REGINA DI COPPE



EXCUSE ME, MY
NAME IS MIKHAIL
MEYER. I'M AN
ALCHEMIST.

ARE YOU
PAMELA?

HI! WE'RE
OPEN. CAN I
HELP
YOU?

YES, I
AM.

HEY, WAIT A
MINUTE!

YOU'RE THAT
ALCHEMIST
WHO MAKES
THE PROTEIN
DOLLS!

Just as it is. This card signifies being
with different and unknown or others
feelings. It may also represent one's desire
to change.



HMM... YOU
LOVE HER,
BUT SHE
SEEMS TO
HAVE NO
FEELINGS FOR
YOU.



I THOUGHT
I COULD
MAKE HER
HAPPY.

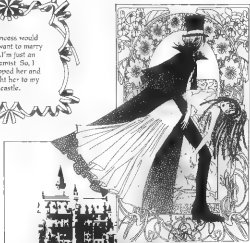


Princess Guyneth never smiled, cried, or
frowned. She was perfect in every way
except she seemed to possess no emotions.



Perhaps a God, jealous
of her beauty, took
away her heart.

A princess would never want to marry me...I'm just an alchemist. So, I kidnapped her and brought her to my castle.



WILL YOU MARRY ME? I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK OF ME.



IF YOU CAN MAKE ME SMILE—AND KEEP ME SMILING ALL THE TIME— THEN I'LL MARRY YOU.

I tried everything I could to make her smile, but nothing worked. She never showed any emotion whatsoever since just gazed at me coldly.



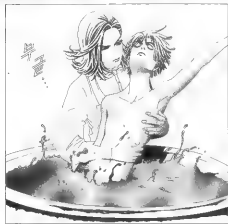
*Bird of Crow lands down this page together shared nature's love time and emotions.



ACCORDING TO THE CARDS, SHE'S NOT THE ONE FOR YOU. OF COURSE, IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.



IT DOESN'T MATTER. I WANT TO WIN HER HEART.





*Scene 2: Second. This card represents secret plans, hidden desires, temptation and the world to come.





YOU CAN
STOP NOW.
YOU'RE
BORING ME



WHEN THE
PRINCESS LOST
INTEREST IN HIM,
THE JESTER
HAD NOTHING
TO DO, SO HE
USED TO SIT IN
MY LABORATORY
AND SILENTLY
WATCH ME AS I
WORKED.



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*The Tower: This card
represents a unexpected
disaster or an abrupt
change - It tells
that one has to see
revelations.







YOUR JESTING
WAS BOKING ME
TO DEATH

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
USELESS, BUT
I THINK THIS
IS GOING TO
BE FUN!



I had no idea what was
going on... until one day.





WHAT IS IT?
DO YOU HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY?



MASTER, IS
IT TRUE THAT
DOLLS CAN'T
HAVE ANY
FEELINGS OR
SENSATIONS?



WELL, THE
DOLLS I
CREATED DO
LAUGH, FROWN,
AND SPEAK, BUT
THEY DON'T
HAVE ACTUAL
FEELINGS. YOU
WERE MADE THE
SAME WAY.



OH.

BUT AREN'T
YOU "FEELING"
SOMETHING
WHEN YOUR
HEART BEATS
FAST AND YOU
THINK YOU
HAVE A CRUSH
ON SOMEONE?



WHAT?



MASTER, WHEN
I LOOK AT YOU,
I FEEL LIKE I'M
FLOATING ON
AIR...

AIR THAT
SMELLS LIKE
ROSES



BUT, YOU, YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE THOSE
FEELINGS!
YOU'RE JUST A
DOLL!





WHO...WHO
DID THIS TO
YOU?!!





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